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- 1. GIOVANNI SIMONI, MFA OFFICIAL WHO HANDLES TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF U.S.-ITALY ENERGY COOPERATION, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FROM ABOUT APRIL 1 TO 10 FOR IEA PROJECT MEETINGS. HE WILL TRANSMIT BEFORE THEN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL SOLAR AND COAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION EXCHANGE, EXCHANGE OF VISITS. SUBCONTRACTING AND JOINT PROJECTS.
- 2. SIMONI HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT, AS WE SUSPECTED, THE ITALIANS WERE HIDING LITTLE DURING THE COAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL). THERE IS VERY LITTLE ADVANCED COAL CAPABILITY HERE. THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BILATERAL ACTIVITY THEREFORE LIE PRIMARLIY IN THE AREA OF ITALIAN VISITS TO U.S. ADVANCED COAL FACILITIES WITH A VIEW TOWARD COMMERICAL LICENSING OR SALES IN THE FUTURE.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: TO SET UP INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 WITH DOE/COMMERCE AND STATE OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO SHARPEN THE ITALIAN PROPOSALS INTO CONCRETE, MUTALLY BENEFICIAL PROJECTS. IN ADDITION TO THESE MEETINGS ON COAL AND SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES, WE WOULD SUGGEST INFORMAL BRIEFINGS FOR SIMONI ON THE DOE PROGRAMS IN ENERGY CONSERVATION, LOW-TEMPREATURE SOLAR HEATING AND BIOMASS TECHNOLOGIES, GARDNER

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